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### Excellence in Retail 2024

Zanthorrea is thrilled to be awarded the KCC Excellence in Retail Award for 2024. A big thanks goes out to Desborough Accountants for sponsoring the retail award category.

We couldn't have won this award without our amazing team and customers who support us. So a big thanks to you all!

We congratulate all the finalists, gold certificate and award winners. It is amazing to see all the businesses in our local area improving, investing and raising the benchmark.



### Zanthorrea turns 50!

Next year in September Zanthorrea Nursery turns 50 years old! From a humble beginning starting out in the late Jean's backyard in Gooseberry Hill, there has been a lot of memories made in Zanthorrea's half century. If you have stories of Zanthorrea in the early days we would love to hear them and collate together for a story board. Stories can be emailed through to the below address. Please include any photos if you have them, we would love to see them.

[info@zanthorrea.com](mailto:info@zanthorrea.com)

### Merry Christmas

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Zanthorrea will be closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day and we will be back to help with any gardening enquiries on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of December.



### Perth Garden Show 2025

It has been a little while since we put on a display at the Perth Garden Show. So it is now time for Zanthorrea to go back and bring with us a beautiful selection of Australian plants. The Perth Garden Show has had a name change (formerly Perth Garden and Outdoor Living Festival), and is moving location back to McCallum Park. Join us for an exciting new phase of the shows evolution that will be tying in elements of sustainable green living.

### Seriously Summer!

We have had a beautiful spring of mild weather and some very welcome late rains, and now it is time for some serious summer gardening. Summer can be a challenging time for gardeners, but with a bit of planning and preparation there can be many enjoyable moments tending to the garden. See more on page 2 for sun safe gardening.

We hope you have a fantastic Christmas break, New Year and plenty of time to enjoy the backyard.

Happy Gardening,  
Ross, Jackie, Alec and the team at Zanthorrea.



### Zanthorrea Calendars 2025

Our calendars are out now and full of beautiful photos from the team. We are giving away one calendar per mailing list customer, no voucher needed. Additional calendars can be purchased for \$7.95 and make an excellent gift for posting to friends or family overseas.



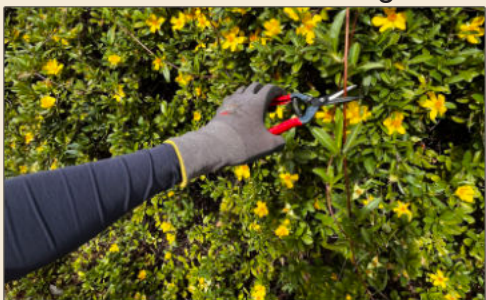
## Summer



### Sun Smart Gardening

Gardening in the height of summer requires a sun-smart approach to protect ourselves while keeping plants and gardens thriving. Summer is a critical time for many plants, with rapid growth, flowering, and fruiting. Regular care like watering, mulching, pest and disease checks, and feeding herbs and vegetables makes a big difference in plant health and productivity. Additional tasks, like cleaning bird baths and water bowls, are also important.

To stay sun-safe, aim to garden in the early morning or late afternoon, when temperatures are lower and UV exposure is reduced. Wear lightweight, breathable long sleeves, a wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses, and spf 50 sunscreen for added protection. Here at Zanthorrea, our staff choose to wear Sparms, comfortable and cooling arm



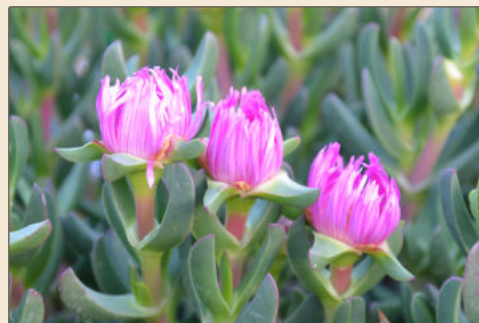
sleeves with UPF 50+ certification that effectively block UV rays. Staying hydrated is essential too, so keep water nearby and take regular breaks in the shade. Garden gloves and kneeling mats

also add comfort and protect from sun-heated surfaces. A sun-smart approach not only keeps you safe but ensures you can keep up with important summer gardening tasks! - Clare



### Coastal Gardening

Summer and beach life go hand in hand! Many of us love the beachside lifestyle, but gardening in sandy, limestone soils can be a challenge. One of the greatest challenges for coastal gardeners is selecting the right plants for their soils. Here at the nursery, we've created a Coastal Bay specifically for those facing this unique gardening environment. Plants selected for this bay are chosen to meet strict criteria: they need to be hardy, easy to grow, and capable of thriving in both first and second-line coastal positions, as well as in alkaline soils.



**Front-line Coastal** plants are specially adapted to handle direct salt spray, salty winds, and low water once established, along with adaptation to high alkaline soils.



**Second-line Coastal** plants can tolerate some salt exposure but require protection from front-line coastal plants or a dune system to thrive.

Although some plants in this bay are not native to WA, many Eastern state species adapt well to these conditions. You'll also find plants not strictly coastal but capable of handling similar environments.

When planting from our Coastal Bay selection, remember to prepare the soil with soil improvers, fertiliser, mulch, and a wetting agent.

Whether you're gardening by the coast or dealing with a windy spot with high-alkaline soils, our Coastal Bay plants offer resilient, reliable options! - Clare



### Eremophila maculata Red

What a stunning little shrub this Eremophila is, with its bright red/pink flowers. They are a hardy plant adapting to sandy alkaline soils, but also grows well for us up in the hills. 1m to 2m in height. They benefit from some tip pruning for a compact shape.



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### Birdbaths and Waterbowls

Birdbaths are a low maintenance and easy way to support the birds in your backyard, requiring minimal space. They are a fantastic way to add dimension and ornamental value to your garden as well as giving the birds a safe place to drink and bathe. Here are a few basic steps to follow when adding a birdbath to your space:



**3. If possible, add waterbowls at different heights and locations.** This will draw in a larger variety of bird species. A deeper one for larger birds and a shallow one for smaller birds. A very shallow dish on the ground is good for bandicoots and bobtail lizards. You can add a couple of rocks or logs for ease of access. Common birds you may see around your birdbath include New Holland Honeyeaters, Gilberts Honeyeaters, Black Cockatoos, Fairy Wrens, Magpies, Bronzewing pigeons and Galahs. You may even be lucky to get some shy Rufous and Western Whistlers if there is a lot of shrubbery nearby. - Ffion

**1. Placement.** Placing your birdbath close to dense shrubbery will give them protection which they can quickly duck into if a predator is around. If cats have access to your garden avoid placing the birdbath next to a fence or tall tree that they can use to pounce on small birds. Keep it in a part shaded area.

**2. Keeping the birdbath clean.** Birds can contract diseases from dirty water and might avoid using it all together so refresh the water daily and scrub once a week. Avoid using harsh chemicals as these can be harmful to birds and irritate their skin. Vinegar works well.



### Making a Difficult Garden Thrive in Summer

For most of us, creating a garden in Perth begins on hard mode. The climate and soils here seem to sabotage our best efforts before our gardens even amount to anything. I started my garden in Burswood about 3-4 years ago with only sand and builders'

rubble as soil, on a hill, no irrigation, knee-high weeds everywhere, and an average pH of 3.5. Water ran off the top of the sand like wax, and digging into it kicked up dust.

It was tough, but I wanted to prove that, with the right plants and a bit of good timing, you can grow a gorgeous garden in the most extreme conditions.



Now I have hundreds of established plants that grow happily throughout the year, still without irrigation. So what did I do? Over 90% of my plant choices are endemic to Perth - especially those suited to sandy soils. Local plants have adaptations to our climate which increase their survival rate. My favourite planting time is late autumn to mid winter, as the rainfall and mild weather helps young plants establish their roots before summer. Weeds get pulled before they go to seed, and most areas are mulched with chunky wood chips or a thick layer of leaf litter. When initially planting, and about once a month during summer, I douse young plants with a wetting agent solution to make sure water is properly soaking in. All young plants need extra water while establishing - you may need to water every day during especially hot periods - but the effort will pay off once they've settled in.

Be kind to your new plants, and they will grow into resilient beauties. Enjoy the summer!  
- Matthew



## Merry Christmas!



### Timber Hexagon Wall Art

Celebrate Australia's beauty with these intricate timber artworks by Straya Art. Featuring designs like kangaroo paws, flowering wattle, plus iconic fauna and architecture, each piece is crafted in Melbourne from Australian plywood. A unique gift or striking home accent. \$54.95 each.



### Good Riddance Insect Repellents

Say goodbye to mozzies and hello to summer adventures with Good Riddance! Perfect for BBQs, camping trips, and lazy Christmas afternoons, this DEET-free, Aussie-made range protects against mosquitoes, midges, and sandflies for up to 4 hours. Made with shea butter and essential oils, these repellents are as kind to your skin as they are tough on bugs. From \$24.95.



### Gumleaf Essentials Christmas Collection

Fill your home with the magic of Christmas with limited edition candles and essential oils by Gumleaf Essentials. Crafted from 100% pure essential oils, these blends bring the scents of the season to life, think warm spices, fresh lemon myrtle, and rich frankincense. Perfect for creating a cozy, festive atmosphere. Candles \$34.95, Oils \$19.95.



### Leather and Canvas Bags

Carry a piece of art wherever you go with these leather and canvas bags. Featuring original designs by Australian artists, they celebrate indigenous heritage, bold creativity, and share stories of spiritual connections with

elders, family, and the land. Practical and beautiful, they're perfect for everyday use. Prices range from \$24.95 to \$59.95.



### Christmas Baubles

Spruce up your Christmas tree with these unique colourful baubles. \$21.95 for a pack of 6.



### Accidents do Happen

We were reminded of this recently when 6 pallets destined for Zanthorrea full of water bowls, bird baths and pots were involved in a truck rollover! Luckily the driver walked away unharmed, not so lucky was our stock. Out of the 6 pallets, 4 finally arrived battered and bruised and we picked through the rubble and miraculously found some survivors, although not one bird bath made it.

We have a new order of pots, water bowls and bird baths on the way. Fingers crossed no more accidents! Thank you for your patience with the shortages.

- Kelly



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